

**GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
TAXICAB COMMISSION
NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY**

GRANTS FOR TRANSPORT DC EXPANSION

The Government of the District of Columbia, Taxicab Commission (“DCTC”), is soliciting applications from approved taxicab companies and drivers to provide, through the TRANSPORT DC pilot program, a cost-effective, high service quality MetroAccess paratransit service alternative to MetroAccess customers and to individuals with disabilities. Under TRANSPORT DC, approved taxicab companies and drivers will provide transportation for certified MetroAccess customers and individuals with disabilities to and from various locations within the District of Columbia. Transportation service will be provided by wheelchair accessible taxicabs, depending on the needs of the requesting customer. Upon approval, participating taxicab companies and owners must purchase a new 2014, 2015 or 2016 wheelchair accessible vehicle (“WAV”) and complete WAV and sensitivity training. The Bill of Sale must state the vehicle is “NEW”. DCTC will make available, no later than August 10, 2015, grant funds for approved taxicab companies and owners: to purchase a brand new WAV; for WAV training and sensitivity training; and to offset rental fees. The DCTC, Office of Taxicabs (“Office”), is administering this RFA: **“TRANSPORT DC EXPANSION GRANT.”**

DCTC intends to make available \$750,000 in grant funds, available no later than July 31, 2015, Grants up to \$7,500 will be awarded to offset the purchase of a new WAV, an annual grant of \$2,500 will be awarded to offset the cost to rent a WAV, a \$12,500 grant to purchase a new MV-1 at a total costs of \$25,000, and free WAV and sensitivity training The above mentioned grants will be for current and taxicab owners and taxicab companies in compliance with DCTC laws and regulation.. The pre-award conference is scheduled for 11:00 a.m. Friday, July 30, 2015.

The Request for Applications (“RFA”) RFA# TRANSPORTDC2015-07-001 release date will be Tuesday, July 28, 2015. The full text of the Request for Applications will be available online at DCTC’s website. It will also be available for pickup. A person may obtain a copy of this RFA by any of the following means:

Download by visiting the DCTC website, www.dctaxi.dc.gov.

Email a request to karl.muhammad2@dc.gov with “Request copy of RFA CAPS-DC” in the subject line.

In person by making an appointment to pick up a copy from the DCTC ADA office at 2235 Shannon Place, SE, Suite 3001 Washington, DC 20020 (call Karl Muhammad at (202) 645-4435 and mention this RFA by name); or

Write DCTC at 2041 Martin Luther King, Jr Avenue, SE 4th Floor, Washington, DC 20020, “Attn: Request copy of RFA# CAPS-DC2014-10-001” on the outside of the letter.

The first deadline for application submissions is 8/10/2015, at 4:00 p.m. Grants will be issued until all funds are exhausted or on September 30, 2015, which ever occurs first. Three (3) hard copies must be submitted to the above address and a complete electronic copy must be e-mailed to karl.muhammad2@dc.gov.

Eligibility: Only taxicab companies Independent taxicab owners that have been approved by DCTC to participate in TRANSPORT DC may apply for these grants.

Period of Awards: TRANSPORT DC grant program performance period will begin immediately after notification of the grant award and end on 9/30/2016.

Available Funding: Available funding is \$750,000. Grants up to \$7,500 will be awarded to offset the purchase of a new WAV, an annual grant of \$2,500 will be awarded to offset the cost to rent a WAV, a \$12,500 grant to purchase a new MV-1 at a total costs of \$25,000, and free WAV and sensitivity training..

For additional information regarding this RFA, please contact Karl Muhammad at karl.muhammad2@dc.gov or (202) 645-4435.